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APPLICATION OF MONARCH  
UTILITIES I, L.P. FOR AUTHORITY  
TO CHANGE RATES

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS

### COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 3

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this Response to Order No. 3. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

#### I. BACKGROUND

On July 15, 2020, Monarch Utilities I, L.P. (Monarch) filed an application to change rates under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.187 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.27. Monarch has approximately 30,000 active connections under water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12983 and approximately 4,400 active connections under sewer CCN number 20899. Monarch is a Class A utility.

On August 18, 2020, a Commission Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 3 requiring Staff to file a procedural schedule for further processing of this application on or before September 1, 2020.

#### II. RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 3

Order No. 3 acknowledged that Staff requested referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing on the merits in its August 14, 2020 recommendation on administrative completeness. In Order No. 3, the ALJ stated that referral to SOAH will be addressed in a subsequent order. Therefore, Staff does not propose a procedural schedule in this pleading and recommends that a procedural schedule be addressed after referral to SOAH.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on September 1, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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